



HARFORD SCHOOL.

THIS institution is located at Harford, Susquehanna county, six miles from Montrose Station, on the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad. Its location is an elevated one, being on a spur of the Blue Ridge. The water and air are pure, and the climate cool and healthy.

The "Harford University" was formerly located here. This was a select classical school, established in 1817, and for many years conducted by Professor Lyman Richardson. These buildings and an adjoining farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres were, in the autumn of 1865, purchased by Professor Chas. W. Deans, on the recommendation of the then Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans, Hon. Thos. H. Burrowes, for a soldiers' orphan school. The old buildings were repaired and remodelled and additional ones erected.

The school was opened on the 7th of November, 1865, Mr. Deans being Principal, which position he retained until March, 1868, when Professor Henry S. Sweet took charge, and has remained in control ever since, with the exception of the year 1873, during which Dr. H. N. Pennepacker had supervision of the institution.

Eighteen children were in attendance at the opening of the school, but enough were admitted to raise the number to one hundred before the year closed. Additions were frequent, and the school constantly increased until the year 1871, when the maximum number was reached, there being then one hundred and seventy-four in attendance. Since that time the school has slowly decreased. There are at present one hundred and sixty-three on the roll.

During the first year the school was fully organized. Competent persons were procured to superintend the various industrial departments. Lessons were given to the girls in the various domestic duties, as well as in the use of the needle and sewing-machine; and the boys were taught how to do "chores" and to work on the farm.